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THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

Cover Picture

Statue of Chief Justice Edward Douglass White which stands in front of the Louisiana Supreme Court Building in New Orleans.

Chief Justice White was appointed to the Louisiana Supreme Court in 1878. He was appointed to the United States Supreme Court in 1894 and became Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1910.

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February 21, 1984

To the Members of the Supreme Court of Louisiana
To the Members of the Board of Governors of the
Louisiana State Bar Association

Sirs and Brothers:

The Judicial Council is pleased to submit its "complete detailed report" concerning the work of the Louisiana courts. Except in a few categories, judicial activity continues to increase.

Improvements have been made in our information gathering systems, and further refinements are in the making. Data gathering is an extremely important function, and is essential to intelligent planning.

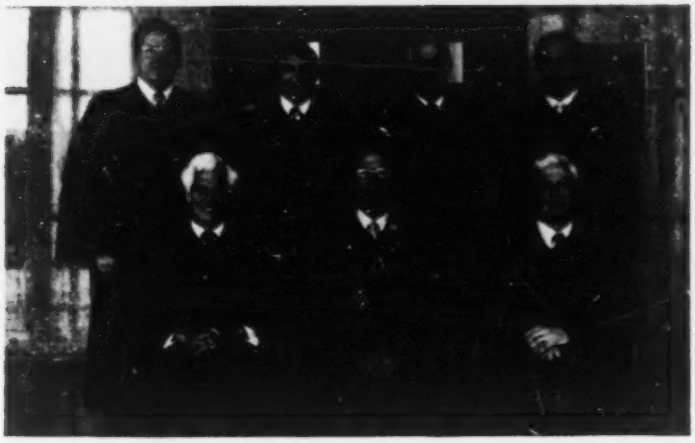
We move into 1984 with the ever present hope to improve the legal system and continue our quest for justice.

Sincerely,

John A. Dixon, Jr.

JADJr:CD

THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT



Seated: (Left to Right)
Associate Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice John A. Dixon, Jr., Associate Justice Walter F. Marcus, Jr.

Standing: (Left to Right)
Associate Justice Jack Crozier Watson, Associate Justice James L. Dennis, Associate Justice Fred A. Blanche, Jr., and Associate Justice Harry T. Lemmon.

CHIEF JUSTICE
JOHN A. DIXON, JR.

Justice Dixon is elected from the Second Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: **BIENVILLE, BOSSIER, CADDO, CLAIBORNE, DESOTO, NATCHITOCHES, RED RIVER, SABINE, VERNON, WEBSTER, AND WINN.**

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
PASCAL F. CALOGERO, JR.

Justice Calogero is elected from the First Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: **JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, AND ST. BERNARD.**

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
JAMES L. DENNIS

Justice Dennis is elected from the Fourth Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: **CALDWELL, CATAHOULA, CONCORDIA, EAST CARROLL, FRANKLIN, JACKSON, LA SALLE, LINCOLN, MADISON, MOREHOUSE, OUACHITA, RICHLAND, TENSAS, UNION, AND WEST CARROLL.**

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
JACK C. WATSON

Justice Watson is elected from the Third Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: **ACADIA, ALLEN, AVOYELLES, BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU, CAMERON, EVANGELINE, GRANT, JEFFERSON DAVIS, LAFAYETTE, AND RAPIDES.**

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
WALTER F. MARCUS, JR.

Justice Marcus is elected from the First Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: **JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, AND ST. BERNARD.**

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
FRED A. BLANCHE, JR.

Justice Blanche is elected from the Fifth Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: **EAST BATON ROUGE, EAST FELICIANA, IBERVILLE, LIVINGSTON, POINT COUPEE, ST. HELENA, ST LANDRY, ST. TAMMANY, TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON, WEST BATON ROUGE, and WEST FELICIANA.**

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
HARRY T. LEMMON

Justice Lemmon is elected from the Sixth Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: **ASCENSION, ASSUMPTION, IBERIA, LAFOURCHE, ST. CHARLES, ST. JAMES, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ST. MARY, ST. MARTIN, TERREBONNE, AND VERMILION.**

CLERK OF COURT
THE HONORABLE
FRANS J. LABRANCHE, JR.

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

New Judgeships . . .

Following the recommendations of the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the 1983 Louisiana Legislature created two new judgeships.

One judgeship was created in the Fifteenth Judicial District Court, Acadia, Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes, and one judgeship was created for the City Court of Lafayette.

All recommendations of the Council relative to new judeships were made after investigations by the Office of the Judicial Administrator and after evaluation by the Committee to Evaluate Requests for the Creation of New Judgeships chaired by Judge Thomas Tanner. Eleven requests for new judgeships were received in 1983.

Subcommittees Influence Legislation . . . Conduct Surveys . . . Study Issues . . .

The Courts/Community Relations Subcommittee, chaired by Bogalusa Attorney Richard Knight, is continuing its study of juror facilities and management in the state. A first draft of a juror handbook has been completed.

Judge Hillary Crain's Committee to Establish Criteria for the Creation of Parish Courts has completed the major portion of its task. There are presently no requests for new parish courts pending.

A joint resolution of the Louisiana Legislature calls for a study of the feasibility of a single state agency for the delivery of services to juveniles. This was one of the recommendations presented by the Juvenile Courts Subcomittee, chaired by Judge Salvadore T. Mule.

The annual survey of judges' needs conducted by the Judicial Planning Committee resulted, in 1983, in attention being focused on a need for more space for all aspects of court activity; for implementation of a statewide funding plan for courts; a need for funds for law clerks; and a need for juror management improvement.

In other action, the Judicial Council decided to study the duties and qualifications of justices of the peace in Louisiana.

The Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana was established in 1950 and received its first funding by the state legislature in 1954. Its task is to evaluate and monitor the operations and procedures of the judicial system of the state. In this capacity, it serves as a clearinghouse for ideas for simplifying and for expediting judicial procedures and/or correcting shortcomings in the system.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Left to right -- Standing: Judge Leon Ford, III, representing Louisiana Council of Juvenile Court Judges; Jude Edwin R. Hughes, representing Louisiana District Judges Association; Ben Richard Hanchey, Esquire, representing Young Lawyers Section, Louisiana State Bar Association. Seated: Samuel C. Gainsburgh, Esquire, representing Louisiana State Bar Association; Mrs. Martha E. Mc Crory, citizen representative; Judge John A. Rogers, representing Louisiana City Court Judges.

Left to Right: Judge O. E. Price, representing the conference of Court of Appeals Judges; Judge Salvadore T. Mule, representing Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; J. Nathan Stansbury, representing Louisiana District Attorneys Association; Honorable Joseph Accardo, Jr., State Representative; Judge Richard H. Gauthier, representing Louisiana District Judges Association.

Missing From Pictures:
Chief Justice John A. Dixon, Jr., Chairman; Associate Justice Pascal F. Calogero; Judge Jerome E. Domengeaux, representing conference Court of Appeal judges; Mr. M. Truman Woodward, Jr., representing La. State Law Institute; Honorable Thomas A. Casey, State Senator; Lawrence B. Sandoz, Jr. Esquire, representing La. State Bar Association; J. Andrus Barousse, representing La. Clerks of Court Association.

NON-VOTING
Honorable J. Cleveland Fruge,
Retired Third Circuit Court
of Appeal-Secretary

EX-OFFICIO
Honorable Walter F. Marcus, Jr.,
Associate Justice,
Supreme Court of Louisiana

Honorable James L. Dennis
Associate Justice,
Supreme Court of Louisiana

Honorable Fred A. Blanche, Jr.,
Associate Justice,
Supreme Court of Louisiana

Honorable Jack Watson
Associate Justice,
Supreme Court of Louisiana

Honorable Harry T. Lemmon
Associate Justice,
Supreme Court of Louisiana

STAFF
Mr. Eugene J. Murret
Judicial Administrator

The Judicial Administrator Reports

EUGENE J. MURRET
Judicial Administrator

Louisiana process is model for national system . . . .

The Judicial Council's working committees on assessing the need for additional judgeships have performed in outstanding fashion. The methodology developed and used by the committee on district court judgeships, chaired by Judge Thomas Tanner and principally staffed by Dr. Hugh Collins of my office, has been incorporated as one of the principal models in a nationally recommended system recently published by the National Center for State Courts under the title "Assessing the Need for Judicial Resources". A companion committee on parish court judgeships, chaired by Judge Hillary Crain, has developed a similar methodology to be considered for adoption by the Council at its next meeting.

Long Range Planning Committee formed . . . . Survey completed . . . . Statistics collected . . . .

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the District Judges Association, President Judge Frank Marullo took a significant step in appointing a Long-Range Planning Committee, chaired by Judge Edwin Hughes, to focus on major needs and goals for these courts. The recently completed survey of district judges to identify principal problems, which was administered and compiled by Mrs. Paulette Holahan of my staff who did an excellent job, should prove useful not only to this committee but also to the Judicial Council and to the Judicial Planning Committee chaired by Justice James Dennis.

Under the system devised by the Trial Court Statistics Committee, chaired by Judge Richard Gauthier, each parish would report on a monthly basis the criminal filings (broken down into felonies, misdemeanors, and traffic) and criminal dispositions (broken down into jury trials, pleas, and other dispositions); civil filings and civil dispositions (broken down into jury trials, judge trials, and other dispositions); juvenile filings (broken down into delinquent, nondeliquent, and criminal neglect of family) and juvenile dispositions (broken down into trials, pleas and other dispositions). Four times a year the docket in each parish would be sampled to find out the current time from trial request to trial in civil cases, from billing to trial in felony cases, and from billing to plea in felony cases.

Special committee formed to develop an experimental program of judicial performance . . . .

The Special Committee to Develop an Experimental Program of Judicial Performance Evaluation began its activities by deciding that self-improvement of the individual judges evaluated and assistance to the Supreme Court in assigning judges would be the aims of the evaluation program. It then decided that Supreme Court, appellate, district/family, and full-time city or parish court judges would be evaluated. The committee then split into three subcommittees. The Dissemination Subcommittee reported that an evaluation's full information should be given only to the judge being evaluated. Aggregate information stripped of the evaluee's names and information would be given to the Judicial College. Information about judges with particular skills would be given to the Supreme Court to assist them in assigning judges. Lastly, some aggregate information about the state of Louisiana's courts as a whole might be shared with the public. The full committee approved this report. The Methodology Subcommittee decided that questionaires were the only reasonable approach to the evaluation, given probable financial constraints; and that the questionnaire should be sent to the judge himself, the attorneys that practice in his court, and certain non-attorneys who have observed him in action. This subcommittee is currently working on developing specific questionnaires. The Criteria Subcommittee has developed a set of criteria for a good judge which has been approved by the committee. It consists of qualities such as courtesy, honesty, intelligence, etc. The subcommittee is currently developing specific questions which can be used in questionnaires to evaluate the degree to which the judge possesses these qualities. The full committee hopes to approve a set of questionnaires at its March 2 meeting.

Computerization aids efficiency . . . .

The Science and Technology Committee, chaired by Judge Leon Ford and staffed by Ronnie Stritzinger of my office, serves as a center for information on word processing, data processing, audio equipment, records of collection, etc. Demonstrations of equipment and systems have been generally reserved for the fall conferences but an educational seminar could be held if the interest presents itself. Assistance is given upon request for evaluating proposals, equipment needs or any other aspect of the judicial process where this committee can give help or direction in a court's needs.

During 1983 word processing was introduced to Courts of Appeals for preparing opinions, handling writ applications, and other day-to-day needs of the courts. Several district courts have evaluated data and word processing systems, and requests for proposals to automate their courts have been prepared for vendor bidding. A joint effort by the District Attorney's Office of Jefferson Parish and the Parish Courts of Jefferson to automate traffic accident reporting and citation processing has developed into the purchase of equipment and the development of computer software to handle these functions of the court and parish. The Louisiana Supreme Court is in the process of implementing a totally automated record system to go along with their current use of word processing. The National Center for State Courts has been very active in Louisiana courts during 1983, implementing computer software, evaluating equipment and computer systems, doing needs assessments and record keeping studies, and giving assistance in the development of administrative systems for different courts.

A computerized general ledger system has been implemented in the fiscal section of the Judicial Administrator's office with the assistance of the National Center for State Courts. This system automates the accounts payable function and allows easy access to word processing capacities. In addition, as of January 1, 1984, the payroll services previously performed by a serving bank are now run on our computer at a cost savings to the judiciary. Tim Palmatier, CPA, Paula Rodrigue, and Ronnie Stritzinger, of my staff, get a large share of the credit for implementing and managing the new computerized financial system.

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Continuing its judicial education on the state level through seminars and meetings, Louisiana Judicial College began its 1983 seminars in February with the City Court Judges Spring Meeting. March was a busy month with three seminars. During March, the Juvenile Judges Spring Meeting, the Courts of Appeal Spring Meeting, and the Annual Louisiana Judges Spring Meeting were held.

In August, the Seminar for Law Clerks was held at the LSU Law Center. This seminar was attended by 74 law clerks from throughout the state. Topics discussed were: Internal Operations of an Appellate/District Court and Functions of a Law Clerk, Opinion Writing, "Ethics for Law Clerks", and "Louisiana Research Tools and Techniques."

Judges Gerald P. Fedoroff, Louis J. Watkins, Jr., and Joseph E. Jones were among the panelists.

181 judges and court administrators attended the Annual Fall Judges Conference in October.

Work has begun on a Juvenile Court Bench Book, to be completed in the Fall of 1984. This Bench Book is intended as a practical, readable reference book which can be used for the resolution of issues presented to a juvenile court judge in the everyday operations of the court and to assist juvenile and family courts in this exercise of jurisdiction pursuant to the Code and related statutes. The project director for this undertaking will be Professor Lucy McGough. Paul M. Hebert Law Center and the consultant will be Brad Gater, Tulane University School of Law.

This report was prepared by Ibydell Cordon, Administrative Assistant, Louisiana Judicial College.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Judicial College are: Left to Right -- Judge Thomas C. Wicker, Judge Pike Hall, Jr., Judge Gerald P. Fedoroff.

Missing From Pictures: Judge E. L. Guidry, Judge C. William Roberts, Mr. Bay Lamonica, Senataor Sat Kiefer, Representative Huntington B. Downer, Jr., Mr. Louis D. Smith.

LAW LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA 1983 ANNUAL REPORT

Most of the changes that take place in a law library are so subtle and gradual that the average patron barely notices them. During 1983, however, three changes occurred in the Law Library of Louisiana that were hard to miss. The first two are apparent as soon as one enters the reading room. A handsome new reference enclosure includes a circulation counter, the reference librarian's desk and tools, and, most prominently, our new Westlaw computer terminal and printer. In August the Law Library became the only location in the state offering computer assisted legal research to any attorney, judge or private citizen willing to pay for the computer time. The service is available daily to any one who telephones a request or comes in. A librarian helps to plan and prepare for the search and then operates the equipment. As part of a cooperative arrangment, the Justices' law clerks also use the Westlaw terminal for their research.

The year's third innovation, the Friends of the Law Library, has been well-publicized in the **Louisiana Judicial Newsletter**, the **Louisiana Bar Journal**, the local press and announcements sent out by the staff. Founded in mid 1982, the Friends conducted a successful membership drive during 1983 and grew from a few dozen members to over 200. Income from dues totalled $17,750 as the year drew to a close, and the Friends donated $6,815, 87% of the cost of the new reference area to the library. Another $6000 to $7000 from the treasury will soon be spent to add new titles to the collection.

Of course the subtle, less spectacular changes were important too. New titles-- mongraphs, serials, and microfiche--numbered 344, accounting for over 500 new volumes. Many more volumes of continuations and supplements, over 3,200, arrived, bringing the collection to a grand total of approximately 116,000. Sadly, budget restrictions allowed only about $8,000 for new titles during fiscal year 1982/83. The remaining 96% of the book appropriation was required merely to maintain and update existing titles, and about $6,000 worth of subscriptions had to be cancelled. The struggle continues to keep the collection current in the face of appropriations that fail to keep pace with growing needs.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Judicial College are: Left to Right: Judge Elvis C. Stout; Mr. Eugene J. Murret, Judicial Aministrator; Associate Justice Harry T. Lemmon, Chairman; Professor H. Alston Johnson, III, Executive Director .

THE JUDICIARY COMMISSION OF LOUISIANA
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The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana, created in 1968 by an amendment to Article IX, Constitution of 1921, is continued in existence by Article V, Section 25, Constitution of 1974.

Powers

On recommendation of the Judiciary Commission, the Supreme Court may censure, suspend with or without salary, remove from office, or involuntarily retire a judge for willful misconduct relating to his official duty, willful and persistent failure to perform his duty, persistent and public conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute, and conduct while in office which would constitute a felony, or conviction of a felony.

On recommendation of the Judiciary Commission, the Supreme Court may disqualify a judge from exercising any judicial function, without loss of salary, during pendency of disciplinary proceedings in the Supreme Court.

On recommendation of the Judiciary Commission, the Supreme Court may retire involuntarily a judge for disability that seriously interferes with the performance of his duties and that is or is likely to become permanent.

The Commission's jurisdiction includes justices and judges of all courts of this state, including commissioners, magistrates, justices of the peace, and mayors who perform judicial functions.

Confidentiality

In accordance with Rule XXIII, Section 23, of the Rules of the Supreme Court, all documents filed with, and evidence and proceedings before the Commission are confidential unless and until the Commission files a recommendation for discipline or retirement with the Supreme Court. The record filed by the Commission with the Supreme Court and proceedings before the Supreme Court are not confidential. Once a recommendation is filed with the Supreme Court, it becomes public as any other case before the Court.

Membership

The Commission consists of nine members who shall serve four-year terms: one court of appeal judge and two district judges selected by the Supreme Court; two attorneys admitted to the practice of law for at least ten years and one attorney admitted to the practice of law for at least three but not more than ten years, selected by the Conference of Court of Appeal Judges; and three citizens, not lawyers, judges, or public officials, selected by the Louisiana District Judges Association.

Membership of the Judiciary Commission as of December 31, 1983:

W. W. McDougall, Chairman
Judge Thomas C. Wicker, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Judge Robert T. Farr
Sidney E. Cook, Esquire
Judge Grover L. Covington
Robert M. Murphy, Esquire
Manning F. Billeaud
Dr. Homer Watts
Gerard F. Thomas, Jr., Esquire

Eugene J. Murret, Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Hugh M. Collins, Dep. Chief Executive Officer

Complaints

During the year 1983 the Commission received 42 complaints against judges, and 5 complaints were pending from 1982. These complaints included violations of Canon 3A(3), "A judge should be patient, dignified, and courteous to litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers, and others with whom he deals in his official capacity . . ."; violations of Canon 3A(6), "A judge should abstain from public comments about a pending or impending proceeding in any court . . ."; violatons of Canon 7, "A Judge Should Refrain from Political Activity Inappropriate to His Judicial Office" allegations of extra-judicial influence; misconduct in exercising judicial discretion, misuse of judicial office, among others, and were filed by litigants, interested citizens, and by the Commission's own motion.

Dispositions

During the year 1983 the Commission disposed of 37 complaints. These complaints were either closed because of insufficient evidence of judicial misconduct or otherwise resolved to the satisfaction of the Commission; 30 preliminary investigations were ordered and conducted, and one formal hearing was held. Ten cases are still pending at the beginning of 1984.

Editor's Note: Complaints may be made to the office of the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission, Eugene J. Murret, 109 Supreme Court Building, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112, Telephone: (504) 568-5747.

THE LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL

Roster of Judges and Clerks

Chief Judge Grover L. Covington

Judges	Domicile	District
FIRST CIRCUIT (Baton Rouge)		
Grover L. Covington, Chief Judge	Hammond	Third
Morris A. Lottinger, Jr.	Houma	First
Walter I. Lanier, Jr.	Thibodaux	First
Wallace A. Edwards	Covington	Third
Elven E. Ponder	Baton Rouge	Second
Luther F. Cole	Baton Rouge	Second
J. Louis Watkins, Jr.	Houma	First
Melvin A. Shortess	Baton Rouge	Second
Burrell J. Carter	Greensburg	Third
Felix H. Savoie, Jr.	Belle Rose	First
Hillary J. Crain	Bogalusa	Third
Steve A. Alford, Jr.	Baton Rouge	Second

Clerk: Edward C. Seghers[1]
Stanley P. Lemoine[2]

Chief Judge O. E. Price

SECOND CIRCUIT (Shreveport)		
O. E. Price, Chief Judge	Bossier City	At Large
Pike Hall, Jr.	Shreveport	Third
Charles A. Marvin	Minden	Second
Jasper E. Jones	West Monroe	First
Fred W. Jones, Jr.	Ruston	Second
Fred C. Sexton, Jr.	Shreveport	Third
William Norris, III	West Monroe	First

Clerk: Bob W. Schulman

Chief Judge Jerome E. Domengeaux

THIRD CIRCUIT (Lake Charles)		
Jerome E. Domengeaux, Chief Judge	Lafayette	At Large
Edmond L. Guidry, Jr.	St. Martinville	Third
J. Burton Foret	Ville Platte	At Large
Cecil C. Cutrer	Lake Charles	Second
Henry L. Yelverton	Lake Charles	Second
Jimmy M. Stoker	Alexandria	First
Ned Doucet, Jr.	Abbeville	Third
P. J. Laborde	Marksville	At Large
Jeannette Knoll	Marksville	First

Clerk: Kenneth J. deBlanc

1. Retired October 31, 1983.
2. Became Clerk November 1, 1983.

THE LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL

Roster of Judges and Clerks

Chief Judge William V. Redmann

Chief Judge John C. Boutall

Judges	Domicile	District
FOURTH CIRCUIT (New Orleans)		
William V. Redmann, Chief Judge	New Orleans	First
James C. Gulotta	New Orleans	First
Patrick M. Schott	New Orleans	First
Denis A. Barry	New Orleans	First
Jim Garrison	New Orleans	First
Robert J. Klees	Mereaux	Third
Charles R. Ward	New Orleans	First
Israel M. Augustine, Jr.	New Orleans	First
William H. Byrnes, III	New Orleans	At Large
Philip C. Ciaccio	New Orleans	At Large
Robert L. Lobrano	Belle Chasse	Second
David R. M. Williams	New Orleans	First

Clerk: Majorie R. Cambre

FIFTH CIRCUIT (Gretna)		
John C. Boutall, Chief Judge	Metairie	First
Thomas J. Kliebert	Paulina	Second
Lawrence A. Chehardy	Metairie	First
Charles Grisbaum, Jr.	Gretna	First
H. Charles Gaudin	Metairie	First
Fred S. Bowes	Gretna	First
Edward A. Dufresne, Jr.	Luling	Third
Nestor L. Currault, Jr.	Gretna	First

Clerk: Answard P. Theriot

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within District	Parish Seats	Clerks Of Court
FIRST DISTRICT			
James E. Clark, Chief Judge	Caddo	Shreveport	W. Orie Hunter, Jr.
C. J. Bolin, Jr.			
John R. Ballard			
Gayle K. Hamilton			
Charles R. Lindsay			
Eugene W. Bryson			
Jeffrey P. Victory			
Charles Scott			
John F. Fant[1]			
Court Administrator: Thomas M. Williams			
CADDO PARISH JUVENILE COURT			
Gorman E. Taylor, Chief Judge			Edward E. Rushing
Andrew B. Gallagher			
SECOND DISTRICT			
Paul A. Newell, Chief Judge	Claiborne	Homer	B. A. Gladney
Leon H. Whitten	Jackson	Jonesboro	A. B. Walsworth
Robert Y. Butler	Bienville	Arcadia	H. R. Sledge
THIRD DISTRICT			
James M. Dozier, Chief Judge	Union	Farmerville	J. A. Brantley
E. Joseph Bleich	Lincoln	Ruston	R. N. Cobb
FOURTH DISTRICT			
Lemmie O. Hightower, Chief Judge	Morehouse	Bastrop	A. T. Goodnight
Robert T. Farr	Ouachita	Monroe	B. C. Downey
John R. Joyce[2]			
John R. Harrison			
Robert W.Kostelka[3]			
Court Administrator: B. B. Clair Stron			
FIFTH DISTRICT			
John C. Morris, Jr., Chief Judge[4]	Franklin	Winnsboro	R. Lowe
B. I. Berry[5]	Richland	Rayville	R. N. Haire
Sonny N. Stephens	West Carroll	Oak Grove	M. N. Oldham
Glynn D. Roberts[6]			
SIXTH DISTRICT			
Cliff C. Adams, Chief Judge	Madison	Tallulah	J. K. Post, Jr.
Alwine M. Ragland	East Carroll	Lake Providence	E. B. Brock
	Tensas	St. Joseph	J. A. Kitchen
SEVENTH DISTRICT			
Richard P. Boyd, Jr., Chief Judge[7]	Catahoula	Harrisonburg	W. A. Book
W. C. Falkenheiner[8]	Concordia	Vidalia	C. R. Webber, Jr.
Glenn B. Gremillion[9]			
EIGHTH DISTRICT			
Hiram J. Wright, Chief Judge	Winn	Winnfield	J. O. Anders
NINTH DISTRICT			
Jules L. Davidson, Jr., Chief Judge	Rapides	Alexandria	R. L. Stewart
Robert P. Jackson[10]			
Alfred A. Mansour			
Richard E. "Dick" Lee[11]			
Lewis O. Lauve[12]			
Lloyd G. Teekell			
William P. Polk			

1. Took Office March 18, 1983.
2. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1984.
3. Took Office February 11, 1983.
4. Retired June 30, 1983.
5. Became Chief Judge July 1, 1983.
6. Took Office November 9, 1983.
7. Retired May 30, 1983.
8. Became Chief Judge June 1, 1983.
9. Took Office December 1, 1983.
10. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1984.
11. Retired August 31, 1983.
12. Took Office December 1, 1983.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within District	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
TENTH DISTRICT			
W. Peyton Cunningham, Jr., Chief Judge	Natchitoches	Natchitoches	I. L. Knotts, Jr.
John B. Whitaker			
ELEVENTH DISTRICT			
John S. Pickett, Jr., Chief Judge	DeSoto	Mansfield	W. A. Porter, Jr.
W. Charles Brown	Sabine	Many	J. E. Wright
TWELFTH DISTRICT			
James N. Lee, Chief Judge	Avoyelles	Marksville	S. G. Couvillon
THIRTEENTH DISTRICT			
Joseph E. Coreil, Chief Judge	Evangeline	Ville Platte	W. Lee
L. O. Fusilier			
FOURTEENTH DISTRICT			
Warren E. Hood, Chief Judge	Calcasieu	Lake Charles	A. Hillebrandt
A. J. Planchard			
L. E. Hawsey, Jr.			
W. Ellis Bond			
Charles S. King			
John A. Patin[1]			
James C. McInnis			
Gregory D. Lyons			
FIFTEENTH DISTRICT			
Ronald David Cox, Chief Judge	Acadia	Crowley	J. A. Barousse
Hugh E. Brunson	Lafayette	Lafayette	O. C. Guilliot
G. Bradford Ware	Vermilion	Abbeville	R. R. Gaspard
J. Byron Hebert			
Lucien C. Bertrand, Jr.			
Douglas J. Nehrbass			
Allen M. Babineaux			
Sue Fontenot			
John Rixie Mouton, Sr.[2]			
Don Aaron, Jr.			
Bennett J. Gautreaux[3]			
SIXTEENTH DISTRICT			
Michael J. McNulty, Jr., Chief Judge	Iberia	New Iberia	O. LeBlanc
Edward A. de la Houssaye, III	St. Martin	St. Martinville	J. A. Theriot
John M. Duhe, Jr.	St. Mary	Franklin	B. A. Blakeman
Robert E. Johnson			
C. Thomas Bienvenu, Jr.[4]			
Robert M. Fleming			
SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT			
Bernard L. Knobloch, Chief Judge	Lafourche	Thibodaux	A. H. Landry
Wollen J. Falgout			
Randolph H. Parro			
Sidney A. Ordoyne, Jr.			
Court Administrator: Bobby A. Theriot			
EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT			
Ian W. Claiborne, Chief Judge	Iberville	Plaquemine	J. G. Dupont
Catherine D. Kimball	W. Baton Rouge	Port Allen	T. J. LeBlanc
Edward N. Engolio	Pointe Coupee	New Roads	I. G. Olinde
Jack T. Marionneaux			

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1984.
2. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1984.
3. Took Office January 1, 1984.
4. Became Chief Judge December 1, 1983.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within District	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
NINETEENTH DISTRICT			
Daniel W. LeBlanc, Chief Judge	E. Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	M. Cannon
Lewis S. Doherty, III[1]			
Frank J. Saia[2]			
Donovan W. Parker			
John S. Covington			
Frank Foil			
Douglas M. Gonzales			
Carl A. Guidry			
Charles W. "Bill" Roberts[3]			
William H. "Bill" Brown			
Douglas P. Moreau			
Leo P. Higginbotham			
Michael E. Ponder			
L. J. Hymel[4]			Commissioner
Allen J. Bergeron, Jr.			Commissioner
Norbert C. Rayford			
Court Administrator: Ralph C. Berry			
EAST BATON ROUGE FAMILY COURT			
E. Donald Moseley, Chief Judge			
Anthony J. Graphia			
Jennifer Luse			
TWENTIETH DISTRICT			
William F. Kline, Jr., Chief Judge	E. Feliciana	Clinton	D. D. Hudnell[5]
Wilson R. Ramshur	W. Feliciana	St. Francisville	M. N. Marchive
TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT			
Leon Ford, III, Chief Judge	Livingston	Livingston	L. W. Patterson
Gordon E. Causey	St. Helena	Greensburg	C. L. Johnson
Samuel T. Rowe	Tangipahoa	Amite	C. Moore
Edward Brent Dufreche			
Kenneth J. Fogg			
Court Aministrator: Bill Martens			
TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT			
Thomas W. Tanner, Chief Judge	St. Tammany	Covington	L. R. Rausch
James R. Strain, Jr.	Washington	Franklinton	D. Seal
A. Clayton James			
John W. Greene			
Stephen A. Duczer			
France W. Watts[5]			
Court Administrator: Bob Tyler			
TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT			
John L. Goldsmith, Chief Judge	Ascension	Donaldsonville	K. H. Bourque
Leon J. LeSueur	Assumption	Napoleonville	R. J. Marquette
Charles S. Becnel	St. James	Convent	E. E. Kinler, Jr.
A. J. Kling, Jr.			

1. Retired December 31, 1983.
2. Took Office January 1, 1984.
3. Retired January 2, 1984.
4. Took Office April 4, 1983.
5. Took Office May 26, 1983.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within District	Parish Seats	Clerk of Court
TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT			
Alvin R. Eason, Chief Judge	Jefferson	Gretna	W. M. Justice, Jr.
Thomas C. Wicker, Jr.			
Frank V. Zaccaria			
Floyd W. Newlin			
Wallace C. LeBrun			
Lionel R. Collins			
Walter E. Kollin[1]			
Robert J. Burns			
Jacob L. Karno			
James L. Cannella			
Ronald P. Loumiet			
Roy L. Price[2]			
Clarence E. McManus			
M. Joseph Tiemann			
Joseph F. Grefer			
Court Administrator: Sandra Joaen Smith			
JEFFERSON PARISH JUVENILE COURT			
Thomas P. McGee, Chief Judge			
Sol Gothard			
Nancy Amato Konrad			
Court Administrator: Charles J. Ulfers			
TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT			
Preston H. Hufft, Chief Judge	Plaquemines	Pointe-a-la-Hache	A. L. Lobrano
Emile E. Martin, III			
TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT			
Cecil C. Lowe, Chief Judge	Webster	Minden	H. S. Matthews
Monty W. Wyche	Bossier	Benton	W. Mabry
Graydon K. Kitchens, Jr.			
Cecil P. Campbell, II			
TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT			
Joseph A. LaHaye, Chief Judge	St. Landry	Opelousas	D. W. Doga
H. Garland Pavy			
Isom J. Guillory, Jr.			
Robert Brinkman			
TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT			
Edwin R. Hughes, Chief Judge	LaSalle	Jena	J. D. Nugent
Court Administrator: Sue Coleman			
TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT			
Thomas J. Malik, Chief Judge	St. Charles	Hahnville	C. J. Oubre, Jr.
Ruche J. Marino[3]	St. John	Edgard	H. L. Montegut
C. William Bradley			
Joel T. Chaisson			
Mary Ann Vial Lemmon			
THIRTIETH DISTRICT			
Ted R. Broyles, Chief Judge	Vernon	Leesville	D. M. Perkins
Roy B. Tuck, Jr.			
THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT			
Walter C. Peters, Chief Judge	Jefferson Davis	Jennings	G. B. Huff

1. Became Chief Judge October 1, 1983.
2. Resigned October 31, 1983.
3. Became Chief Judge January 15, 1984.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within District	Parish Seats	Clerk of Court
THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT			
Baron B. Bourg, Chief Judge	Terrebonne	Houma	I. R. Boudreaux
Ashby W. Pettigrew, Jr.			
Wilmore J. Broussard, Jr.			
Paul R. Wimbish			
Timothy C. Ellender			
THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT			
Edward M. Mouser, Chief Judge	Allen	Oberlin	R. L. Thomas
THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT			
Richard H. Gauthier, Chief Judge	St. Bernard	Chalmette	S. D. Torres
Melvyn J. Perez[1]			
Thomas M. McBride, III[2]			
THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT			
W. T. McCain, Chief Judge[3]	Grant	Colfax	J. E. Lemoine
B. G. Lutes, Chief Judge [4]			
Court Administrator: Ernie L. Vallery			
THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT			
Leland H. Coltharp, Jr., Chief Judge	Beauregard	DeRidder	R. B. Nichols
THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT			
Ronald L. Lewellyan, Chief Judge	Caldwell	Columbia	A. L. Darden
Court Administrator: Marion Harrelson			
THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT			
H. Ward Fontenot, Chief Judge	Cameron	Cameron	R. U. Primeaux
THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT			
Richard N. Ware, Chief Judge	Red River	Coushatta	E. V. Womack
ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT			Division
Thomas A. Early, Jr.			A
Robert A. Katz			B
Richard J. Garvey			C
S. Sanford Levy[5]			D
Louis A. DiRosa[6]			
Gerald P. Fedoroff, Chief Judge			E
Henry J. Roberts, Jr.			F
Steven R. Plotkin			G
Revius O. Ortique, Jr.			H
Melvin J. Duran			I
George C. Connolly, Jr.			J
Richard J. Ganucheau			K
Joseph V. DiRosa			L
Charles L. Rivet			Commissioner
John M. Holahan			Commissioner
Anthony J. Vesich, Jr.			Commissioner

Clerk: Dan Foley
Controller/Administrator: Bruce Pantti

1. Became Chief Judge June 29, 1983.
2. Became Chief Judge January 6, 1984.
3. Retired October 19, 1983.
4. Took Office January 7, 1984.
5. Retired February 23, 1983.
6. Took Office June 22, 1983.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges

ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT	Section
Miriam G. Waltzer	A
Matthew S. Braniff	B
Jerome M. Winsberg	C
Frank A. Marullo, Jr.	D
Rudolph F. Becker, III	E
Dennis J. Waldron	F
Frank J. Shea, Jr., Chief Judge	G
James F. McKay, III	H
Shirley G. Wimberly, Jr.	I
Alvin V. Oser	J
Gerard J. Hansen	Magistrate
Nils R. Douglas	Commissioner
Anthony J. Russo, Jr.	Commissioner
George G. Kiefer	Commissioner
Andrew J. Sciambra	Commissioner

Clerk: Edwin A. Lombard
Court Administrator: Rivers Trussell

ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT	Section
Joan B. Armstrong	A
Clarence B. Giarrusso, Jr., Administrative Judge	B
Salvadore T. Mule'	C
Edward G. Gillin	D
Anita H. Ganucheau[1]	E

Clerk: Joseph L. Peyton
Court Administrator: Florence Onstad
Mary Jordan[2]

1. Became Administrative Judge January 1, 1984.
2. Became Court Administrator December 12, 1983.

CITY AND PARISH COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Locations of Courts

Cities	Parishes	Judges
Abbeville	Vermilion	Marcus A. Broussard, Jr.
Alexandria	Rapides	George M. Foote
Ascension Parish	Ascension	Steven M. Joffroin
Baker	E. Baton Rouge	Bryant W. Conway
Bastrop	Morehouse	Woodrow Wilson
Baton Rouge:		
Division A	E. Baton Rouge	Byron Stringer
Division B		L. J. Hymel[1]
		Freddie Pitcher, Jr.[2]
Division C		Darrell D. White
Division D		Rosemary T. Pillow
Baton Rouge Court Administrator: Mickey Skyring		
Bogalusa	Washington	Jim W. Richardson, Jr.
Bossier City	Bossier	Billy Ross Robinson
Bossier Clerk/Court Administrator: Deborah Goodman		
Breaux Bridge	St. Martin	W. Glenn Soileau
Bunkie	Avoyelles	James H. Mixon
Crowley	Acadia	T. Barret Harrington
Denham Springs	Livingston	Raymond S. Bennett
DeRidder	Beauregard	William E. Hall, Jr.[3]
		Stuart S. Kay, Jr.[4]
Eunice	St. Landry	J. Nilas Young
Franklin	St. Mary	Charles R. Prevost
Hammond	Tangipahoa	John D. Kopfler
Houma	Terrebonne	Jude T. Fanguy
Jeanerette	Iberia	John A. Rogers
Jefferson Parish:		
1st Parish Court	Jefferson	
Division A		Cyril J. Gracianette[5]
Division B		James M. Lockhart
2nd Parish Court	Jefferson	
Division A		John J. Molaison
Division B		Herb G. Gautreaux
Jennings	Jefferson Davis	William N. Knight
Kaplan	Vermilion	Reule P. Bourque
Lafayette	Lafayette	Kaliste J. Saloom, Jr.
		Michael G. Sullivan[6]
Lafayette Court Administrator: E. J. Picard		
Lake Charles	Calcasieu	
Division A		Thomas P. Quirk
Division B		Jack W. Caskey[7]
Leesville	Vernon	S. Chris Smith, III
Marksville	Avoyelles	Benjamin C. Bennett, Jr.
Minden	Webster	R. Harmon Drew[8]
Monroe	Ouachita	Elvis C. Stout
		John Larry Lolley

1. Became District Judge April 4, 1983.
2. Took Office April 4, 1983.
3. Retired on October 31, 1983.
4. Took Office November 1, 1983.
5. Retired October 31, 1983.
6. Took Office January 1, 1984.
7. Resigned January 30, 1984.
8. Retired January 3, 1984.

CITY AND PARISH COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Locations of Courts

Cities	Parishes	Judges
Morgan City	St. Mary	Robert S. Robertson
Natchitoches	Natchitoches	Marvin F. Gahagan
New Iberia	Iberia	Robert L. Segura
New Orleans:	Orleans	
1st City Court	Section A	Charles A. Imbornone
1st City Court	Section B	Dominic C. Grieshaber
1st City Court	Section C	Niles A. Hellmers
2nd City Court		Lorain F. Wingerter
Municipal Court	Section A	Eddie L. Sapir
Municipal Court	Section B	Joseph R. Bossetta
Municipal Court	Section C	John A. Shea
Municipal Court	Section D	James E. Glancey, Jr.
Traffic Court	Section A	Lambert J. Hassinger
Traffic Court	Section B	Thomas L. Giraud
Traffic Court	Section C	Louis P. Trent
Traffic Court	Section D	Oliver S. Delery
Oakdale	Allen	John P. Navarre
Opelousas	St. Landry	Kenneth Boagni, Jr.
Pineville	Rapides	F. Jean Pharis
Plaquemine	Iberville	Joseph B. Dupont, Sr.
Port Allen	W. Baton Rouge	Philip N. Pequet
Rayne	Acadia	Denald A. Beslin
Ruston	Lincoln	Kenneth W. Campbell
Slidell	St.Tammany	Gus A. Fritchie, Jr.
Shreveport:		
Division A	Caddo	Garner R. Miller
Division B		Charles W. Kelly, IV[1]
Division C		H. Dan Sawyer

Shreveport Clerk/Court Administrator: Virginia Hester

Springhill	Webster	N. J. McConnell
Sulphur	Calcasieu	Ellis W. Thompson
Thibodaux	Lafourche	David M. Richard
Vidalia	Concordia	George C. Murray, Jr.
Ville Platte	Evangeline	J. Wendel Fusilier
West Monroe	Ouachita	Charles A. Traylor, II
Winnfield	Winn	Jim W. Wiley
Winnsboro	Franklin	E. Rudolph McIntyre
Zachary	E. Baton Rouge	Russell Bankston

1. Took Office on January 7, 1983.

STATISTICAL APPENDIX

INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICAL SECTION

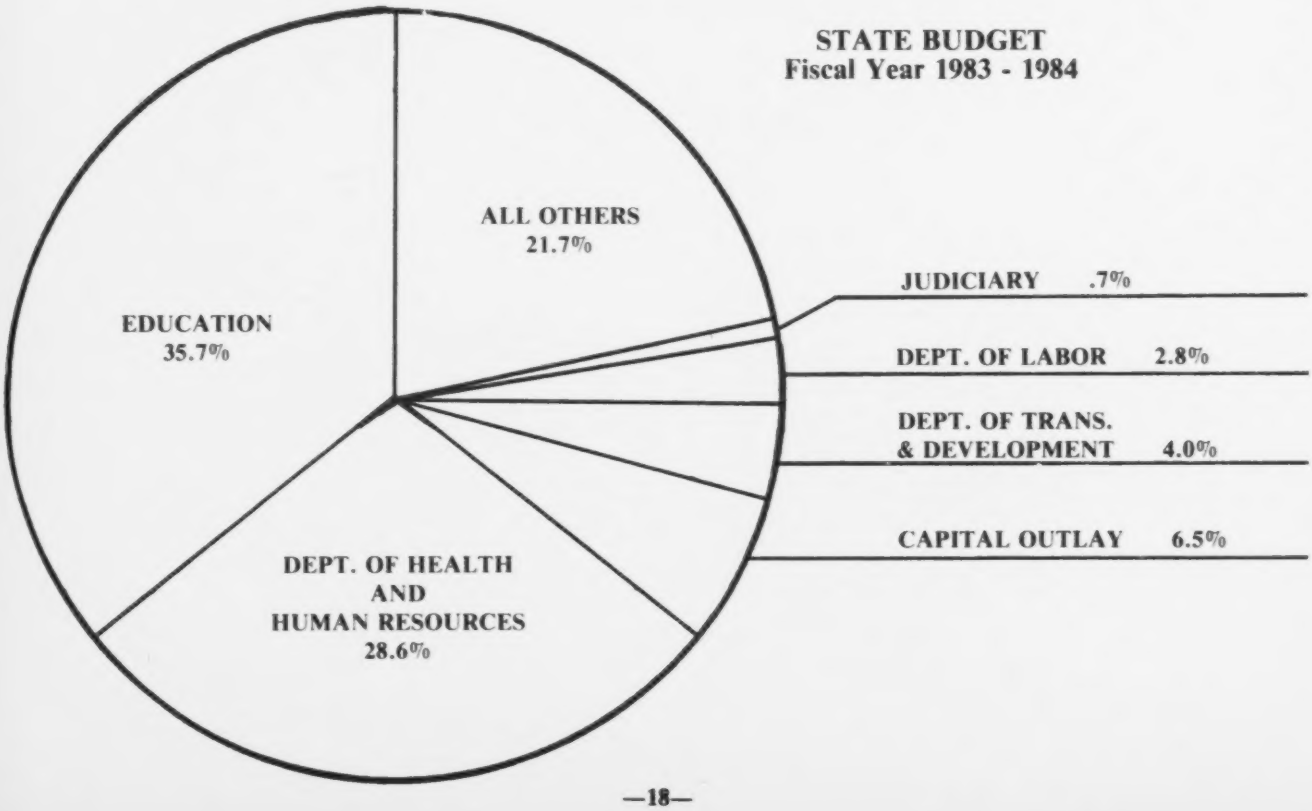
The statistical information in this section was compiled from data submitted to the Judicial Administrator's Office by the various courts of Louisiana during calendar year 1983.

In 1983, there were 2,847 filings in the Supreme Court. This represents a decrease in filings of 12.5% when compared to 1982. This decrease is due to the effects of the constitutional amendment which gave criminal jurisdiction to the circuit courts of appeal. Even with the reduction in filings due to the constitutional amendment, the filings in 1983 were 133% greater than the filings 10 years earlier.

Since 1973, total filings in Louisiana courts of appeal have increased from 2,299 to 6,264 filings (a 172.5% increase). Total filings in 1983 were 46.5% greater than in 1982. Civil filings grew by 14% and totaled 4,174 filings. The average time interval from the filing of a civil appeal to its disposition was 250 days in the First Circuit, 134 days in the Second Circuit, 173 days in the Third Circuit, 212 days in the Fourth Circuit, and 220 days in the Fifth Circuit. The effects of the constitutional amendment giving criminal jurisdiction to the courts of appeal were increasingly evident during 1983. Criminal filings grew from 627 in 1982 to 2,090 in 1983 (a 233.5% increase). The average time interval from the filing of a criminal appeal to its disposition was 190 days in the First Circuit, 169 days in the Second Circuit, 220 days in the Third Circuit, 212 days in the Fourth Circuit, and 115 days in the Fifth Circuit.

The past 10 years witnesssed a 75% increase in the combined civil and criminal filings in the district courts of Louisiana. During 1983, there were 495,129 civil and criminal filings in the district courts. Of these 170,520 were civil filings and 324,609 were criminal filings. Civil filings grew by 6% over 1982. Criminal filings decreased by 10%. The number of civil jury trials was 710 in 1983 (an increase of 3.5% over 1982). The number of criminal jury trials dramatically rose to 1,586 in 1983 (an increase of 26.5% over 1982).

In 1983, there were 680,932 filings in Louisiana city and parish courts (a 9.5% decrease from 1982). The bulk of this decrease occured in traffic cases which dropped from 500,603 in 1982 to 438,326 in 1983. The 1983 filings still represent a 31.5% increase over those in 1975.



SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA
THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

	1981	1982	1983
APPEALS:			
Filed	817	646	104
Dismissed	9	16	1
Opinions Rendered			
with written opinions	247	298	164
per curiam affirmances	346	378	284
WRITS:			
Applications Filed	2,455	2,254	2,527
Granted	559	431	357
to be argued	207	174	97
with orders	352	257	261
Dismissed	13	5	3
Not Considered	18	13	22
Denied	1,753	1,664	1,821
Opinions Rendered	226	162	121
REHEARINGS:			
Applied for	218	269	183
Granted	26	29	26
Denied	204	267	171
Opinions Rendered	24	19	12
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION:			
Petitions filed	16	19	11
Opinions Rendered	2	6	12
OTHER MATTERS:			
Filed	49	66	22
Opinions Rendered	5	0	2
OTHER PER CURIAM OPINIONS RENDERED	19	22	14
TOTAL FILINGS:	3,555	3,254	2,847
Per Justice	508	465	407
TOTAL OPINIONS RENDERED	869	885	609

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL
THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

	TOTAL 1981	TOTAL 1982	TOTAL 1983	CIVIL 1983	CRIMINAL 1983
FIRST CIRCUIT:					
Appeals and Motions Filed	706	831	1055	791	264
Writs Filed	119	265	420	787	233
Writs Refused	89	210	290	131	159
Writs Granted	43	47	84	45	39
Cases Dismissed	30	52	92	76	16
Judgements Rendered	558	721	861	653	208
Rehearings Acted Upon	161	168	241	213	28
Cases Pending					
Argued But Not Decided	10	17	102	66	36
To Be Argued	610	533	765	692	73
SECOND CIRCUIT:					
Appeals and Motions Filed	344	381	607	370	237
Writs Filed	30	102	260	50	210
Writs Refused	22	80	187	27	160
Writs Granted	7	22	52	15	37
Cases Dismissed	29	27	41	35	6
Judgements Rendered	287	267	472	325	147
Rehearings Acted Upon	79	85	119	74	45
Cases Pending					
Argued But Not Decided	15	44	55	43	12
To Be Argued	106	133	222	81	141
THIRD CIRCUIT:					
Appeals and Motions Filed	573	671	892	662	230
Writs Filed	69	179	267	88	179
Writs Refused	45	92	169	46	123
Writs Granted	21	66	54	25	29
Cases Dismissed	34	29	60	58	2
Judgements Rendered	478	581	635	472	163
Rehearings Acted Upon	153	170	185	173	12
Cases Pending					
Argued But Not Decided	3	4	2	2	0
To Be Argued	264	231	523	395	128
FOURTH CIRCUIT:					
Appeals and Motions Filed	803	575	798	595	203
Writs Filed	234	291	467	207	260
Writs Refused	163	201	303	132	171
Writs Granted	56	78	134	70	64
Cases Dismissed	54	23	60	60	0
Judgements Rendered	593	598	601	494	107
Rehearings Acted Upon	198	210	204	189	15
Cases Pending					
Argued But Not Decided	106	68	84	63	21
To Be Argued	626	147	305	175	130
FIFTH CIRCUIT:					
Appeals and Motions Filed		334	440	347	93
Writs Filed		102	169	90	79
Writs Refused		87	133	72	61
Writs Granted		15	20	10	10
Cases Dismissed		60	50	22	28
Judgements Rendered		247	390	356	34
Rehearings Acted Upon		41	137	135	2
Cases Pending					
Argued But Not Decided		71	17	16	1
To Be Argued		151	170	137	33
TOTAL FOR ALL CIRCUITS:					
Appeals and Motions Filed	2,426	2,687	3,795	2,768	1,027
Writs Filed	452	928	1,583	622	961
Writs Refused	319	664	1,092	410	682
Writs Granted	127	225	344	165	179
Cases Dismissed	147	176	303	251	52
Judgements Rendered	1,916	2,396	2,959	2,300	659
Rehearings Acted Upon	591	666	886	784	102
Cases Pending					
Argued But Not Decided	134	204	194	124	70
To Be Argued	1,606	1,195	1,985	1,480	505

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS

THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

DISTRICT	PARISH	CASES FILED 1981 TOTAL	CASES FILED 1982 TOTAL	CASES FILED 1982 TOTAL	1983 JUVENILE	1983 CIVIL	1983 CRIMINAL
1	Caddo	18,769	17,959	17,918	None	8,857	9,061
	District Totals	**18,769**	**17,959**	**17,918**	**None**	**8,857**	**9,061**
2	Bienville	3,346	3,887	3,709	130	604	2,975
	Claiborne	5,187	3,340	3,548	118	534	2,896
	Jackson	2,900	3,387	2,561	74	667	1,820
	District Totals	**11,433**	**10,614**	**9,818**	**322**	**1,805**	**7,691**
3	Lincoln	5,675	5,676	5,521	227	1,076	4,218
	Union	3,355	3,901	2,735	155	675	1,905
	District Totals	**8,730**	**9,577**	**8,256**	**382**	**1,751**	**6,123**
4	Morehouse	4,173	4,283	4,730	335	1,016	3,379
	Ouachita	19,157	18,671	19,844	1,263	4,609	13,972
	District Totals	**23,330**	**22,954**	**24,574**	**1,598**	**5,625**	**17,351**
5	Franklin	4,734	4,081	3,489	43	1,057	2,389
	Richland	4,188	5,225	4,531	70	673	3,788
	W. Carroll	2,242	2,577	2,271	89	559	1,623
	District Totals	**11,164**	**11,883**	**10,291**	**202**	**2,289**	**7,800**
6	E. Carroll	5,828	3,227	3,021	213	425	2,383
	Madison	3,222	5,108	4,203	254	794	3,155
	Tensas	2,507	2,278	1,451	28	260	1,163
	District Totals	**11,557**	**10,613**	**8,675**	**495**	**1,479**	**6,701**
7	Catahoula	3,475	3,568	2,977	34	484	2,459
	Concordia	5,559	8,163	5,126	120	859	4,147
	District Totals	**9,034**	**11,731**	**8,103**	**154**	**1,343**	**6,606**
8	Winn	2,899	2,897	2,591	26	1,147	1,418
	District Totals	**2,897**	**2,897**	**2,591**	**26**	**1,147**	**1,418**
9	Rapides	18,523	15,961	15,598	696	5,683	9,219
	District Totals	**18,523**	**15,961**	**15,598**	**696**	**5,683**	**9,219**
10	Natchitoches	9,219	8,861	9,099	147	1,764	7,188
	District Totals	**9,219**	**8,861**	**9,099**	**147**	**1,764**	**7,188**
11	De Soto	6,409	4,237	3,917	102	1,225	2,590
	Sabine	3,875	4,409	3,796	99	1,138	2,559
	District Totals	**10,284**	**8,546**	**7,713**	**201**	**2,363**	**5,149**
12	Avoyelles	5,012	4,969	5,267	242	1,784	3,241
	District Totals	**5,012**	**4,969**	**5,267**	**242**	**1,784**	**3,241**
13	Evangeline	4,305	7,125	3,991	208	1,638	2,145
	District Totals	**4,305**	**7,125**	**3,991**	**208**	**1,638**	**2,145**
14	Calcasieu	22,626	22,473	22,871	460	7,700	14,711
	District Totals	**22,626**	**22,473**	**22,871**	**460**	**7,700**	**14,711**

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS

THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

DISTRICT	PARISH	CASES FILED 1981 TOTAL	CASES FILED 1982 TOTAL	CASES FILED 1983 TOTAL	1983 JUVENILE	1983 CIVIL	CRIMINAL
15	Acadia	10,574	8,812	11,898	355	9,390	2,153
	Lafayette	18,157	22,997	22,568	605	8,587	13,376
	Vermilion	5,416	5,970	6,680	270	2,049	4,361
	District Totals	**34,147**	**37,779**	**41,146**	**1,230**	**20,026**	**19,890**
16	Iberia	9,658	10,304	9,977	202	2,928	6,847
	St. Martin	7,418	9,652	9,166	224	1,760	7,182
	St. Mary	10,480	10,578	10,368	360	3,106	6,902
	District Totals	**27,556**	**30,534**	**29,511**	**786**	**7,794**	**20,931**
17	Lafourche	18,461	17,785	19,427	480	2,934	16,013
	District Totals	**18,461**	**17,785**	**19,427**	**480**	**2,934**	**16,013**
18	Iberville	5,431	6,005	5,807	236	1,581	3,990
	Point Coupee	5,009	4,458	4,955	671	936	3,348
	W.Baton Rouge	8,125	7,264	6,383	164	981	5,238
	District Totals	**18,565**	**17,727**	**17,145**	**1,071**	**3,498**	**12,576**
19	E. Baton Rouge	24,310	23,744	24,025	None	12,105	11,920
	District Totals	**24,310**	**23,744**	**24,025**	**None**	**12,105**	**11,920**
20	E. Feliciana	2,632	2,715	2,763	55	766	1,942
	W. Feliciana	2,379	2,053	2,317	14	419	1,879
	District Totals	**5,011**	**4,768**	**5,075**	**69**	**1,185**	**3,821**
21	Livingston	9,866	8,192	8,136	319	2,530	5,287
	St. Helena	809	758	753	20	354	379
	Tangipahoa	12,177	12,343	10,284	490	3,413	6,381
	District Totals	**22,852**	**21,293**	**19,173**	**829**	**6,297**	**12,047**
22	St. Tammany	16,167	17,285	16,396	200	5,520	10,676
	Washington	4,883	4,650	4,735	83	1,945	2,707
	District Totals	**21,050**	**21,935**	**21,131**	**283**	**7,465**	**13,383**
23	Ascension	1,712	1,996	2,092	146	1,778	168
	Assumption	6,527	4,267	4,423	86	740	3,597
	St. James	2,712	3,413	3,796	36	643	3,117
	District Totals	**10,951**	**9,676**	**10,311**	**268**	**3,161**	**6,882**
24	Jefferson	18,470	18,102	17,904	None	14,170	3,734
	District Totals	**18,470**	**18,102**	**17,904**	**None**	**14,170**	**3,734**
25	Plaquemines	5,163	6,136	5,995	222	1,150	4,623
	District Totals	**5,163**	**6,136**	**5,995**	**222**	**1,150**	**4,623**
26	Bossier	9,801	10,385	10,746	534	2,478	7,734
	Webster	5,328	5,368	5,677	177	1,265	4,235
	District Totals	**15,129**	**15,753**	**16,423**	**711**	**3,743**	**11,969**
27	St. Landry	12,500	13,049	11,668	278	3,270	8,120
	District Totals	**12,500**	**13,049**	**11,668**	**278**	**3,270**	**8,120**

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS

THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

CASES FILED 1982

DISTRICT	PARISH	CASES FILED 1981 TOTAL	CASES FILED 1982 TOTAL	CASES FILED 1983 TOTAL	1983 JUVENILE	1983 CIVIL	1983 CRIMINAL
28	LaSalle	3,485	3,251	3,586	74	821	2,691
	District Totals	**3,485**	**3,251**	**3,586**	**74**	**821**	**2,691**
29	St. Charles	13,300	15,672	10,916	271	1,627	9,018
	St. John	8,728	9,487	8,309	261	1,474	6,574
	District Totals	**22,028**	**25,159**	**19,225**	**532**	**3,101**	**15,592**
30	Vernon	12,778	13,872	12,688	237	1,455	10,996
	District Totals	**12,778**	**13,872**	**12,688**	**237**	**1,455**	**10,996**
31	Jefferson Davis	5,252	6,201	5,530	129	1,005	4,396
	District Totals	**5,252**	**6,201**	**5,530**	**129**	**1,005**	**4,396**
32	Terrebonne	19,208	17,276	14,828	333	4,258	10,237
	District Totals	**19,208**	**17,276**	**14,828**	**333**	**4,258**	**10,237**
33	Allen	3,434	2,442	3,297	33	738	2,526
	District Totals	**3,434**	**2,442**	**3,297**	**33**	**738**	**2,526**
34	St. Bernard	10,360	9,966	10,235	569	2,648	7,018
	District Totals	**10,360**	**9,966**	**10,235**	**569**	**2,648**	**7,018**
35	Grant	3,476	3,616	3,198	57	588	2,553
	District Totals	**3,476**	**3,616**	**3,198**	**57**	**588**	**2,553**
36	Beauregard	5,756	6,390	5,360	158	1,107	4,095
	District Totals	**5,756**	**6,390**	**5,360**	**158**	**1,107**	**4,095**
37	Caldwell	2,839	3,171	2,325	46	376	1,903
	District Totals	**2,839**	**3,171**	**2,325**	**46**	**376**	**1,903**
38	Cameron	7,535	7,138	4,886	49	497	4,340
	District Totals	**7,535**	**7,138**	**4,886**	**49**	**497**	**4,340**
39	Red River	4,214	2,537	2,887	57	579	2,251
	District Totals	**4,214**	**2,537**	**2,887**	**57**	**579**	**2,251**
	Orleans						
	Civil	20,268	20,460	21,321	None	21,321	None
	Criminal	6,621	7,049	5,698	None	None	5,698
	District Totals	**26,889**	**27,509**	**27,019**	**None**	**21,321**	**5,698**
	Statewide Total	**528,304**	**532,972**	**508,763**	**13,634**	**170,520**	**324,609**

1983
JURY TRIALS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

JUDICIAL DISTRICT	CIVIL	CRIMINAL
1	10	46
2	0	6
3	1	32
4	9	88
5	2	5
6	0	13
7	1	10
8	0	15
9	30	18
10	8	3
11	6	11
12	9	4
13	8	4
14	36	62
15	55	52
16	15	36
17	6	3
18	8	26
19	53	172
20	4	20
21	30	27
22	14	24
23	4	15
24	101	102
25	3	7
26	10	17
27	40	71
28	5	7
29	13	19
30	3	9
31	0	6
32	10	14
33	3	4
34	16	10
35	1	9
36	3	7
37	0	4
38	12	5
39	0	5
Orleans Civil	181	
Orleans Criminal		598

TOTAL CIVIL - 710
TOTAL CRIMINAL - 1,586

LOUISIANA FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURTS

Three Year Trend in Activity*

	CASES FILED 1981	CASES FILED 1982	CASES FILED 1983
Caddo Juvenile	3,298	3,374	4,102
East Baton Rouge Family	3,013	5,258	6,872
Jefferson Juvenile	5,457	6,261	6,348
Orleans Juvenile	8,475	9,382	9,986
State Total	20,243	24,275	27,308

*The Statistics Reflect only new filings.

LOUISIANA CITY AND PARISH COURTS - CASES PROCESSED

CITY	CIVIL		CRIMINAL		TRAFFIC		JUVENILE		TOTAL CASES	
	FILED	TERM.	FILED	TERM.	FILED	TERM.	FILED	TERM.	FILED	TERM.
Abbeville	428	331	1093	1025	2120	2038	106	105	3747	3499
Alexandria	1427	738	1789	1789	3815	3815	532	532	7563	6874
Ascension	362	83	14787	12074	0	0	174	89	15323	12246
Baker	176	46	465	249	951	602	60	44	1652	941
Bastrop	1518	1144	1110	846	2414	1738	205	195	5247	3923
Baton Rouge	9073	7721	3914	3567	55181	49632	0	0	68168	60920
Bogalusa	566	155	1121	943	2045	1795	439	308	4171	3201
Bossier City	1182	825	1787	1641	9005	8420	346	359	12320	11245
Breaux Bridge	298	161	719	660	1331	1047	68	67	2416	1935
Bunkie	128	110	633	633	1553	1553	35	28	2349	2324
Crowley	262	266	1670	1700	2181	1890	218	215	4331	4071
Denham Springs	512	497	737	567	5134	4178	522	355	6905	5597
De Ridder	47	39	342	239	691	475	84	82	1164	835
Eunice	743	382	1041	936	2291	2240	165	157	4240	3715
Franklin	45	22	740	518	401	322	67	55	1253	917
Hammond	1661	826	2802	2665	3946	4513	593	326	9002	8330
Houma	2374	1943	2496	1984	5062	4725	328	314	10260	8966
Jeanerette	191	191	446	202	263	183	89	30	989	606
Jeff 1st Par Ct.	3837	4286	2138	1751	36864	36563	0	0	42839	42600
Jeff 2nd Par Ct.	3083	2354	4016	8866	26939	29916	0	0	34038	38966
Jennings	231	96	383	223	1548	1455	16	13	2178	1787
Kaplan	81	28	364	98	1765	1298	96	36	2306	1460
Lafayette	1968	1107	2908	2862	24306	24065	815	809	29997	28843
Lake Charles	2610	980	5182	1538	31311	14557	876	876	39979	17951
Leesville	77	40	2527	2328	4749	4108	46	44	7399	6520
Marksville	189	144	477	385	1300	1242	58	58	2024	1829
Minden	482	586	1941	1814	1716	1671	91	85	4230	4156
Monroe	2847	2322	13224	6407	12690	9687	806	613	29567	19029
Morgan City	132	59	1421	1399	1800	1893	68	75	3421	3426
Natchitoches	564	157	2016	904	4153	2686	101	88	6834	3835
New Iberia	989	915	2490	2362	4680	4486	199	235	8358	7998
N.O. 1st City Ct.	32735	15663	0	0	0	0	0	0	32735	15663
N.O. 2nd City Ct.	3164	1235	0	0	0	0	0	0	3164	1235
N.O. Municipal Ct.	0	0	46295	40215	0	0	0	0	46295	40215
N.O. Traffic Ct.	0	0	0	0	116418	65860	0	0	116418	65860
Oakdale	120	115	860	781	935	891	154	151	2069	1938
Opelousas	594	471	2346	2231	3985	3692	408	402	7333	6796
Pineville	473	512	692	511	1477	1273	158	148	2800	2444
Plaquemine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Allen	47	37	190	166	576	544	85	65	898	812
Rayne	217	183	730	780	955	1002	160	138	2062	2103
Ruston	714	78	2253	1239	2475	1809	110	110	5552	3236
Shreveport	4936	3729	7766	7712	35839	31691	0	0	48541	43132
Slidell	1002	931	1713	1647	3981	4103	280	262	6976	6943
Springhill	402	402	656	656	367	367	61	61	1486	1486
Sulphur	707	375	1373	1040	9662	8558	244	210	11986	10183
Thibodaux	340	21	1050	399	2496	1652	43	29	3929	2101
Vidalia	11	10	174	133	945	871	36	30	1166	1044
Ville Platte	1010	415	761	368	871	668	259	237	2901	1688
West Monroe	1211	897	2343	1924	3172	2954	304	283	7030	6058
Winnfield	125	67	271	258	652	658	2	2	1050	985
Winnsboro	115	41	576	586	227	224	0	0	918	851
Zachary	134	88	91	58	1088	841	40	35	1353	1022
State Total	86140	53824	146919	121709	438326	350451	9547	8356	680932	534340

LOUISIANA COURT STRUCTURE

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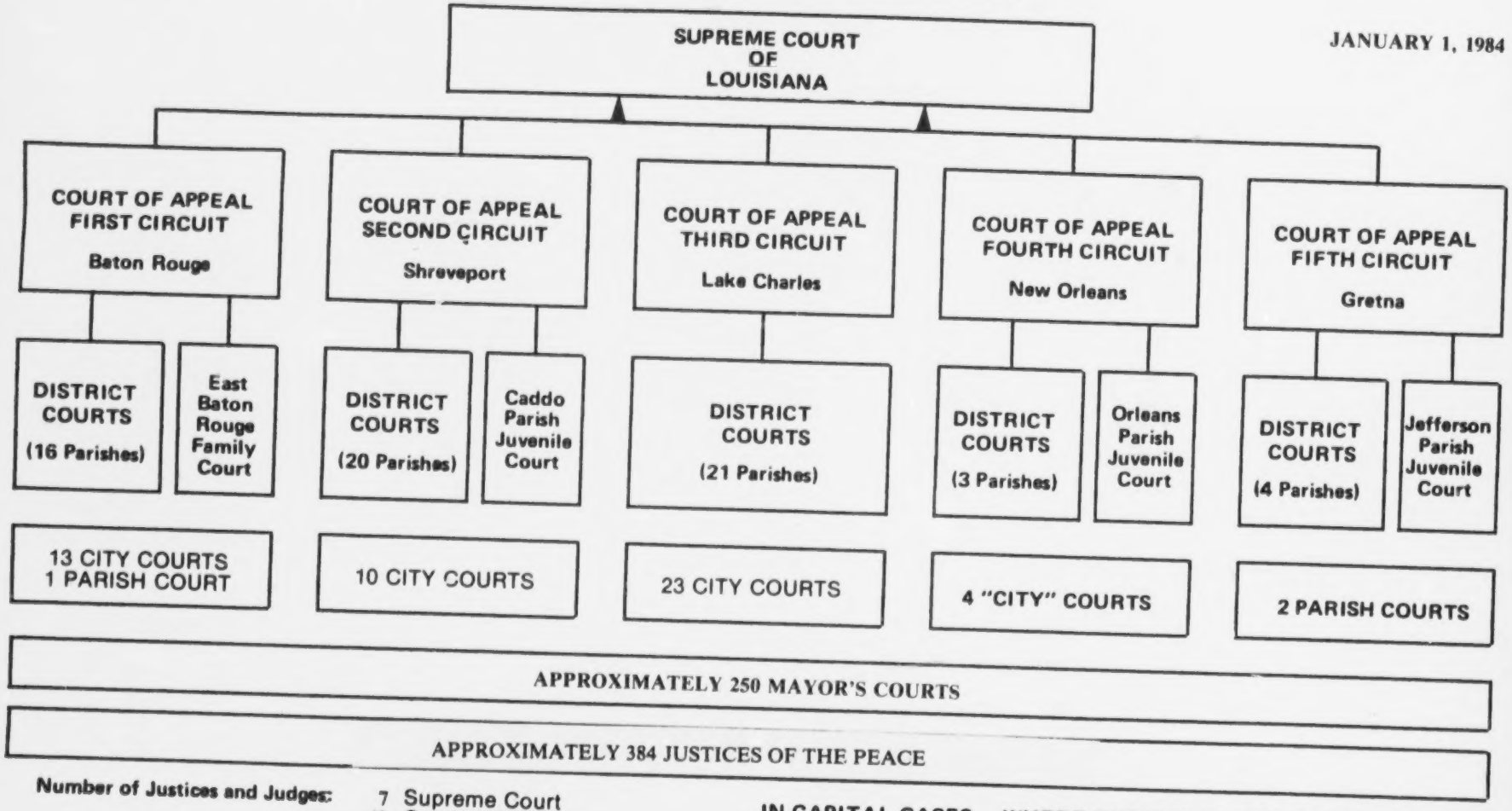

Number of Justices and Judges:

7	Supreme Court
48	Courts of Appeal
187	District, Family and Juvenile
71	City and Parish Courts
313	Total

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